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## From Pilot Knob.

Not having been at home for the past two weeks, I failed to send in a letter for last week's REGISTER.

Saturday night, December 2, Mrs. J. T. Patterson received a telephone message that her mother, who is making her home with her eldest son, Judge W. H. Shy, near Black, Reynolds county, was seriously ill and not expected to live. The next morning, Sunday, she and Otto started for Black, a distance of nearly thirty miles, arriving there at 4:30 P. M. They returned home Tuesday following, and reported that her mother, though in a very critical condition, was somewhat better. If she lives until her next birthday in 1923, she will be ninety-six years old, having been born in 1827.

While waiting for the train one night not long ago in a certain town, I noticed quite a crowd gathered not far from the depot. I concluded that I would go over and see what was the attraction, and to my surprise I found in progress one of these so-called social, modern dances. The last dance of this kind that I had the displeasure of seeing, was six years ago, on a boat, The Grey Eagle, on the Mississippi river, just before these gay terpsichorean excursionists left the wharf for Upper Alton, Illinois. I could not help but wonder where those gay participants would wake up, should that boat have suddenly, without warning, gone to the bottom of the river.

Those "new fangled" dances are nothing more nor less than a legalized way of hugging and very indecent way of spooning and belying. I will venture the assertion that if a man and woman should be caught on the streets or elsewhere in the same position that they assume in those nocturnal dances, they would both be immediately arrested and locked up, on a charge of public indecency.

The old time dance, when to start it, used to be, "Honor your partner, join hands and circle to the left," might have been all right (at least they were decent) but I cannot say so much for the new style of dancing.

If there is not enough virtue in the religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to stamp out forever all desire for the modern dances, I do not know definitely, and can only conjecture, where this craze for dancing will and many of our young people, both single and married. But there is an under current of dissatisfaction prevalent which will, in the not far distant future, put a stop to this very common craze. An instance at point in the following clipping from the Globe-Democrat: "New York to-day was washed by a terpsichorean reform wave. Proprietors of 400 public dance halls were warned by Mrs. George W. Loft, Deputy Police Commissioner, that they would be jailed unless they put a stop to 'indecent, demoralizing dancing'." "Cheek to cheek dancing and movements known as the scandle walk, the cradle rock, the Chicago camel, the syncope shimmy and chicken shakes are terrible. They must cease."

I hope I have not thrown a stone into a veritable hornet's nest. Be that as it may, I would rather attack what I believe to be morally wrong than to have the good will and respect of anyone.

Wednesday night, John Berthold, manager of Kroger's store in Bis, march, was held up and robbed of something over \$80, while on the streets, going home for the night.

## President Harding Argues (Unintentionally) Against Ship Bonus Bill.

President Harding, in his message transmitting the Budget for the next fiscal year, has supplied one of the most telling arguments that have yet been urged against the passage of his pet project, the ship bonus bill, in the opinion of those who have been opposing this measure.

In the course of his message President Harding points out that fixed charges beyond administrative control absorb about two-thirds of the annual revenues of the Government, and that there remain only about \$1,000,000,000 out of which the normal operating expenses of the Federal establishment must be paid. The only possibility of reducing taxes, he says, lies in the direction of curtailing expenditures derivable from this \$1,000,000,000.

There is a suggestion, if not a recommendation, in the President's message, that the Federal Government should withdraw or abridge its grants to aid "in lines of research, improvement, and development"—presumably such as educational work performed by the Department of Agriculture, the construction of roads, vocational training, etc. In this connection he said:

"There is question as to how far the Government should participate in these extraneous activities, and I am frank to say that an answer to the question as to whether we can look forward to any further material reduction in the expenditures of the Government in future years depends largely upon whether or not there will be a curtailment or expansion of these activities, which have already added greatly to the annual drafts upon the Treasury of the United States."

In his address to Congress on November 21, just two weeks before he submitted the budget, President Harding said:

"If Government aid is a fair term—and I think it is—to apply to authorizations aggregating \$75,000,000 to promote good roads for market highways, it is equally fit to be applied to the establishment and maintenance of American market highways on the salted seas."

The roads which the Government helps the States to build remain the property of the people and are a public utility free to all on the same terms. The ship bonus bill contemplates private ownership and operation of the vessels built by the people and sold to individuals and corporations at a loss of \$2,800,000,000 compared with their original cost, and in addition to this, an annual bestowal of \$75,000,000 from the Federal Treasury for the enrichment of these private interests.

Unless President Harding has changed his mind within two weeks he is willing to vote \$75,000,000 a year into the coffers of powerful corporations in spite of the Government's fiscal difficulties but doubtful of the propriety or wisdom of investing an equal sum in good roads for the benefit of the whole people.

Survey Shows Federal Taxes are Higher Than in 1919.

Republican claims that Federal taxation has decreased under the Harding administration are challenged by the statements of the National Industrial Conference Board, representing a large number of American manufacturers. This organization contends that instead of a reduction of taxes there has been an increase compared with 1919.

In the United States Federal taxes alone totaled \$4,925,000,000 in 1919 and in 1921 reached a total of \$4,430,000,000, which appeared to be a decrease of 11.2 per cent. The report of the conference contends, however, that inasmuch as the 1921 dollar had a purchasing power of 26.9 per cent less than the 1919 dollar, Federal taxes in 1921 were actually 15 per cent higher than in 1919.

The National Industrial Conference was not concerned in this report with partisan politics, so it did not take the trouble to point out that a Democratic administration was in power in 1919. The Harding administration came into control of the Government in 1921.

State's Water Power Mainly in the Ozarks.

How generally it is known that Missouri, mainly in the Ozarks—the "new Switzerland"—has unharnessed hydro electric or water power sufficient to operate ten thousand factories, light all of the "corn belt" cities, with perhaps enough current left to electrify all the railway systems within the borders of the state?

After a recent trip of a week into the wildest sections of the Ozark country where the greatest number of falls, rapids and mammoth spring are to be found, Governor Hyde was so profoundly impressed with the possibilities there that he made the assertion that the Missouri bill country has more water power than is to be found in all New England.

Henry Ford, one of America's most alert captains of industry to our natural resources, now has a force of engineers collecting data on the water power possibilities of the Ozarks with a view of constructing immense hydro electric plants there.

## The Tragedy of Lodge.

(From the Springfield Republican.)

With a plurality over Colonel Gaston of only 8,425, Mr. Lodge will be a minority senator in the sense that he is the choice of a minority of the voters of Massachusetts. Mr. Nicholls' vote added to Colonel Gaston's make a total anti-Lodge vote so far in excess of the vote the senator received that he can no longer profess to represent a majority of the electorate. The majority of his own constituents have rejected him after he had made a personal appeal to them for another term. He gets the term, but it must seem to him more like a term in the house of correction than in the United States Senate.

As the leader of the Republican party in this State Mr. Lodge can hardly survive the staggering blow his prestige has received.

Mr. Lodge led his party to a virtual disaster by pressing his own claims upon it. After such a blunder, his position is more uncomfortable, even more humiliating, than it would have been had he been actually defeated. He retains his office, but the substance of power has left him. He has

lost tremendously in influence in Washington both in the Senate and at the White House. At home the politicians will no longer yield unquestioning obedience to him. They will all begin promptly searching the horizon for the new party leader.

Neither friend nor enemy could have wished Mr. Lodge to face a troubled future with his hands withered and his voice enfeebled by the Bay State's vote of "no confidence."

## From Goodland.

Winter seems to have set in for sure. This morning the ground is covered with ice.

F. M. Adams killed some very large hogs for meat.

Mrs. Larue sent off a few days ago a consignment of poultry.

Miss Warner, the Redmondville teacher, spent the week-end with Miss Ella Eaton at Goodland.

The Schweider store at East End took fire last week and heroic measures were needed to keep down the fire. Water is scarce on the hill. The damage was slight.

Dr. Adams is suffering from a severe cold. Aunt Mag. though nearly ninety years of age is well and hearty.

Matt. Williams has moved his saw mill to W. M. Mayfield's.

N. W. Adams had a fine cow to die lately.

The church at Goodland has a new heater and a fine lamp which lights the whole house.

Christmas is coming with its joys and pleasures. Happy greeting to all the REGISTER readers.

TIMOTHY HAY.

## Robert Clark Dies After Long Illness.

(Huntington, Ind., Press.)

Robert E. Clark, sixty-one years old, died Sunday at 6:45 o'clock at the residence, 734 Kintz street, following an illness of fifteen years, followed by a serious illness of one week. He was employed as yard switch engineer for the Erie. He was employed with the Erie for thirty-three years.

Mr. Clark was born May 1, 1861, to Robert and Mary Clark. He was married to Nellie Pease, July 6, 1886, in Arcadia, Mo. He came to Indiana in 1889. He is survived by the wife and the following children: Mrs. Blanche Daller of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Mabel Waggoner, Mrs. Mildred Deiser and Miss Helen Clark of Fort Wayne, and Calvin Clark of Peoria, Ill. One sister, Mrs. C. D. Murray of Lima, O., survives and one brother, James Clark, is deceased. One half-brother, Michael Galloley, is deceased.

The deceased was a member of the Central Christian church and of the B. of L. E. The funeral will be held today at 2 o'clock at the Central Christian church, with the Rev. E. C. Mobley in charge. The Blue Lodge of the Masonic order and the B. of R. T. will attend in a body. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope cemetery. The body will lie in state until the hour of the funeral, and the casket will not be opened at the church.

Large quantities of Cut Glass, Silverware and Jewelry novelties for Holiday gifts at Lopez Store Co.

## Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, December 11, 1922:

Days of Week.	Day of Month	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Tuesday	5	49	30	
Wednesday	6	54	23	.26
Thursday	7	65	23	.22
Friday	8	42	40	
Saturday	9	35	21	
Sunday	10	45	18	
Monday	11	48	18	

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, hail, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

Macey's celebrated Evaporated Country Sorghum at Lopez's.

## NOTICE.

Anyone who desires insurance with the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, which is one of the most reliable companies. Call at Kroger's store or write G. T. GOGGIN, Box 87, Ironton, Mo.

## Notice to Trespassers.

All parties are hereby warned not to trespass or hunt on the farm known as the Kidd farm, Graniteville, Mo. Those failing to heed this warning will be prosecuted.

MRS. JAMES SHEA.

# KROGER'S

## Xmas Goodies

To whom will it not give added joy, on this, the greatest Feast of the year, to know that he has secured the very best of foods at absolutely the lowest prices? Both are offered at Kroger's!

Let us take this opportunity to sincerely wish you the most hearty greeting of the season—a Merry, Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

## CHOCOLATE

## DROPS

## ASSTD. CHOCOLATES

## XMAS CUT ROCK or HARD MIXED

## MIXED GANDY

## French Cream BON BONS

## STICK CANDY

Pure, wholesome, creamy Kroger made drops with a thick coating of Genuine Hershey's Chocolate. Even at 50c a pound these chocolates are unexcelled in quality. Just the candy for a Merry Christmas! 5 lb. box, 75c. 1b. ....

Very fine Kroger made confections, Strawberry, orange, lemon and vanilla centers. Pound ..... 19c

## FRUIT DROP MIXTURE

Clear, delightfully-flavored candy balls. Mixed flavors and colors; 1b. ....

## FANCY CREAM MIXTURE

A very high grade, lavish mixture; 1b. ....

15c 19c 5-pound 95c

15c 12c 20c 14c

10c 15c 15c 14c

# ORANGES

Cranberries; pound ..... 21c

Celery, 3 large stalks ..... 25c

BANANAS Fine, large ripe fruit, lb. .... 9c

APPLES Jonathan. Delicious eaters and cookers; 1b. .... 6c

NEW NUTS

Splendid mixture of large California Walnuts, Almonds, Pecans, Filberts and Brazil; 1b. ....

22c

Manchurian Walnuts, Large size; 1b. .... 22c

Diamond Brand Soft Shelled No. 1 California Walnuts, 1b. .... 22c

Brazil, Large, washed, 1b. .... 15c

MINCE MEAT Libby's—Ready to use. Finest quality. 16 oz. jar ..... 29c

None Such Mince Meat; package ..... 15c

Pumpkin Large size ..... 10c

Currents—Grecian; 9 oz. package ..... 18c

Dried Dates—Package ..... 19c

Citron—New candied; oz. .... 4c

Maraschino Cherries—Small bottle, 14c; Large bottle ..... 45c

Grape Juice—Country Club; Pint bot 25c

Apple Butter—Country Club; 38-oz jar 25c

Honey—Gold Medal; pound jar ..... 25c

Jello—Asst. Flavors; package ..... 10c

FRUIT CAKE Country Club. Made of the very finest ingredients money will buy. Very rich and tasty. 2-pound cake ..... 75c

Plum Pudding. National Biscuit Co. Enticingly delicious. Low in price. 1-lb. tin ..... 32c

PEACHES Country Club. Fancy New California Fruit in heavy syrup. Great luscious golden halves; just the thing for that Christmas dessert. Great big can ..... 25c

Peaches—in own syrup; big can ..... 19c

Sweetened Peaches—New, extra large; 1b. .... 17c

Small Prunes—per lb. .... 9c

SUNMAID RAISINS! New crop. Seeded, 15 ounce package. Seedless, three 1 1/2 oz. packages ..... 17c

For a Real Treat at Christmas Time

FRENCH COFFEE

A cup of rich, deep-flavored French served at the end of your Christmas dinner will prove a fitting climax to the greatest feast of the year. Try a pound package ..... 33c

## Closing Out Sale.

Our Sale is still going on. Those who are in need of Merchandise should buy now, as we are closing out AT COST.

Christmas is nearing. We have many articles that will make nice Christmas Presents. The Sale will continue until January 1, 1923, unless sold out sooner.

FRANCIS BROS. Ironton, Mo.